

Group III, including claims 14 and 15, allegedly drawn to a method for forming a dome-shaped electrode; or

Group IV, including claims 16-18, allegedly drawn to a back-etch method.

Claim 1 has been indicated as generic.

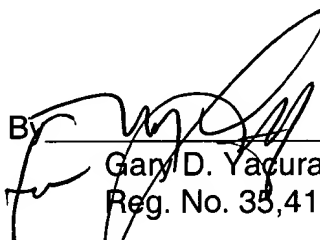
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 1-10¹ without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims at a later stage, depending on the results of examination of the elected claims. An early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-18 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Matthew J. Lattig at (703) 668-8000 in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Applicants assume claims 2-4 are included with the elected invention as these claims were not subject to any restriction requirement.